

Lobbyist Registration User Guide

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Applicant's User Guide January 2017



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The lobbyist registration process is through the Department of Business & Neighborhood Services' (DBNS) web-based Citizen Access Portal. This application process allows applicants to file the lobbyist registration 100% electronically without having to visit DBNS's office.

Citizen Access Portal User Requirements

Internet Browser

The Citizen Access Portal will need one of the following web browsers:
Internet Explorer 10
Google Chrome 34
Mozilla Firefox 29
Safari 6

Navigating to the Citizen's Access Portal

The direct link to the Citizen Access Portal is: https://permitsandcases.indy.gov/citizenAccess/

The Citizen Access Portal can be accessed through the DBNS website by using the link on the left side of the page.

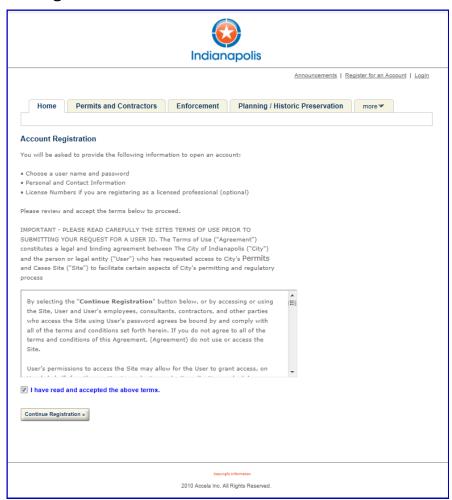
www.indy.gov/BNS



1. Account Login

On the Citizen Access Portal homepage, click the link labeled 'New Users,' located below the login fields, to create an account.

The next screen contains terms and conditions to create an account. Please read before proceeding.

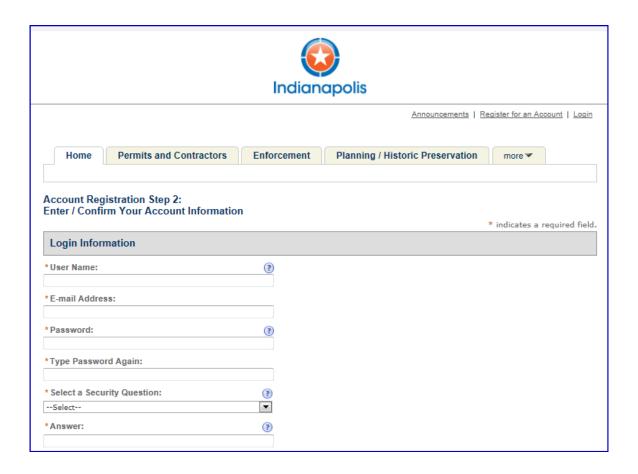




2. Login Information

On the next screen, create a user name and password.

The user name and password created will be used to gain access into the portal.





3. Contact Information

Below the Login Information, enter the contact information.

Click the 'Add New' button to proceed.

Input information in the popup screen and press the 'Continue' button.

Note: The email address entered will be used to verify the account in the next step.



4. Continue Registration & Verification

After reviewing the contact information entered, click the 'Continue Registration' button to submit the new account request.



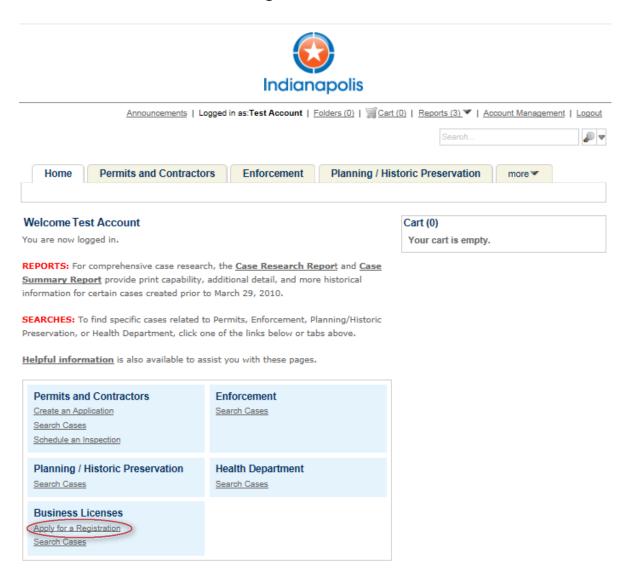
To complete the account creation, check your email for an email from BNS.noreply@indy.gov. Click the link in this email to verify the account email address and be directed back to the Citizen Access login screen. Your account cannot be used until this email verification link is clicked.

Applicants can now log in with the username and password and create a lobbyist registration.



1. Opening a new registration

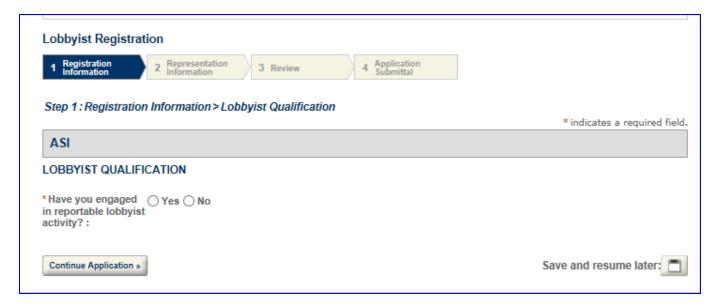
After logging into the Portal, click the link 'Apply for a Registration' under the Business Licenses heading.





After clicking the link to start the registration, review the terms and conditions page and select the check box to access the registration.

The progress bar at the top of the application guides applicants through the steps of the registration. The 'Save and resume later' button at the bottom right of the screen allows applicants to save entered information and resume the registration at a later time.



1. Qualification

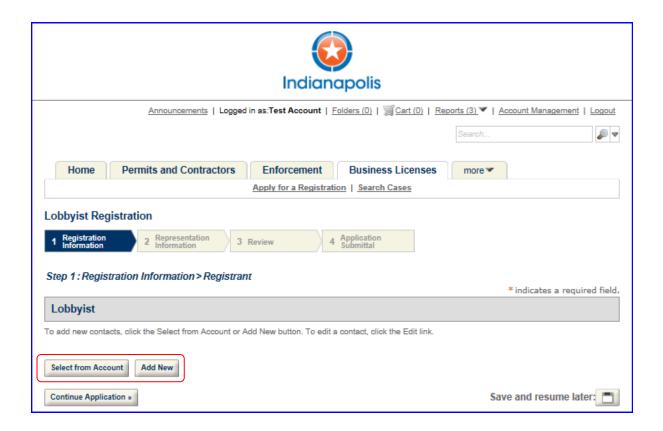
You will have to select whether or not you have engaged in lobbying activity at the City/County level that is required to be reported. The lobbyist registration ordinance with definitions and other resources can be found at www.indy.gov/lobbyist

If you select no, you do not need to report at this time. If needed, please use the 'Save and resume later' button and complete the application at a later date.



2. Entering Lobbyist information on the registration

On the Registration Information page, enter the lobbyists contact information. To use the contact information from the Citizen Access user account, click the 'Select from Account' button. Click the 'Add New' button to enter in new contact information.





3. Entering the representation information

On the Representation Information page, you will need to enter in the information for both the lobbyist's employer as well as any Real Party in Interest.

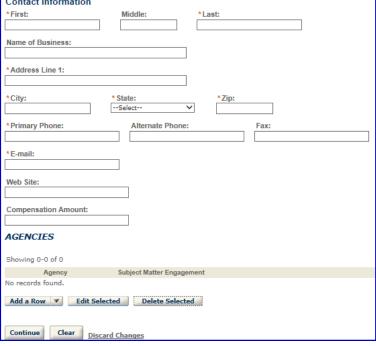
Employer

Select the 'Add new' button under the Employer heading. You will be prompted to enter in the information for business contact information.

Real Party in Interest

For each party the lobbyist represents, a new 'Real Party in Interest' contact will need to be added.

- Select the option for 'Add New'.
- You will be prompted to enter in the contact information for each Real Party in Interest.
- Before clicking the 'Continue' button, you will need to add the agencies that are lobbied to.
 - -Click the button for 'Add a Row'
 - -You will be prompted to select the agency and subject matter -Click submit.
- After all the agencies have been added, click the 'Continue' button.



After all the parties in interest have been added, click the 'Continue Application' button.

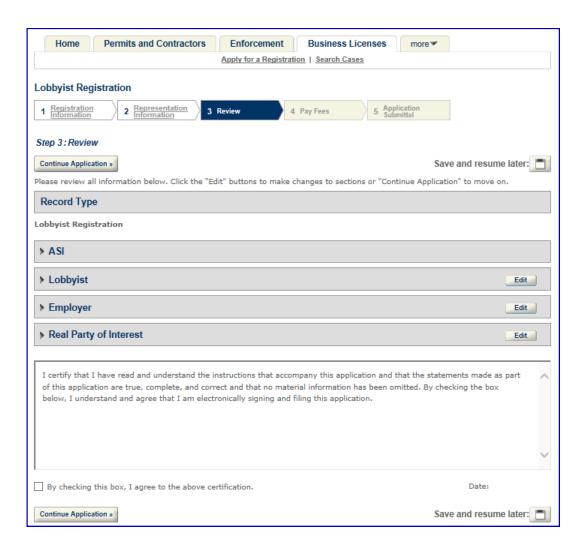


4. Reviewing the submittal

This next screen provides a summary of the overall registration.

Please review the information entered.

Once you have reviewed your application, and read the disclaimer, check the box at the bottom and click the button for 'Continue Application.'





CREATING YOUR LOBBYIST REGISTRATION

5. Payment

The fees page outlines the registration fee. When you click the button for 'Check Out', the fee will be added to your shopping cart.

In the shopping cart, you will have two options:

- Click on the button for 'Continue Shopping'
 This will allow you to go back to your list and start another registration.
 Using the shopping cart, you can pay for multiple registrations at the same time.
- Click the button for 'Check Out'
 This will take you directly to the payment screen where it will ask for your payment information.

Once you click the option to 'Check Out', you will be redirected to the City's third party payment processor's page to pay the registration fee with a credit card or an echeck. Please note the third party processor will assess a processing fee (3.2% for a credit card payment and \$.95 for an echeck).

On the next few pages, you will be prompted to enter in the credit card information or account information for an echeck.

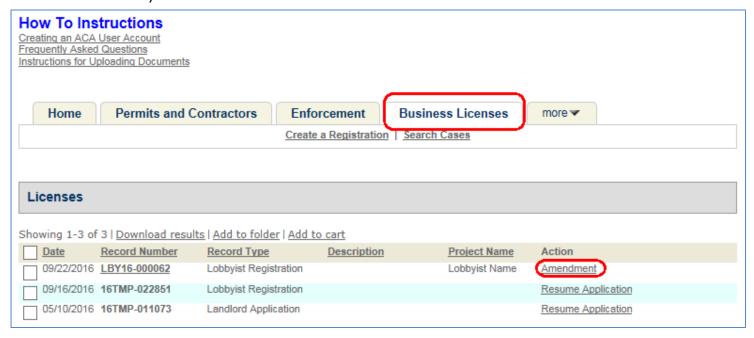
Note: The payment receipt will be sent to the email address entered on this page.



AMENDING A LOBBYIST REGISTRATION

1. Navigate to the registration

After logging into the Portal, click the tab for 'Business Licenses' *You may have to click the tab for 'More' first.



Select the lobbyist you want to modify by clicking the word 'Amendment' in the right column.

Please note, this option will not be available after the January 15th reporting cut-off.

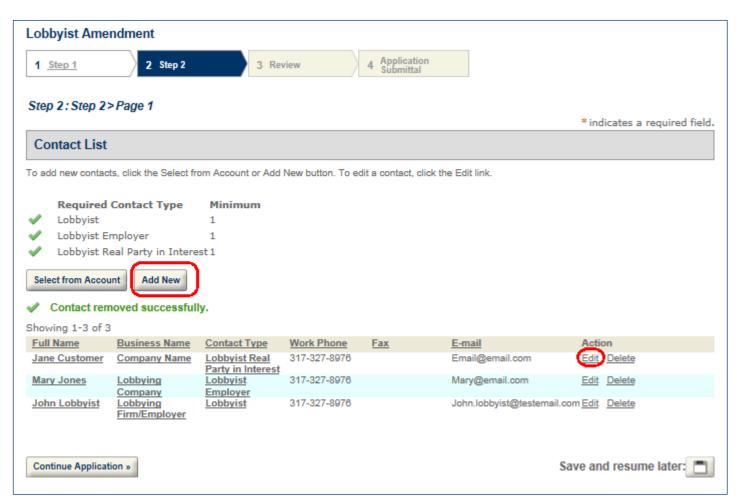


2. Updating your information

After you click the 'Amendment' option, you will see the same screens as the initial registration. This will give you the option to edit any currently reported information and to add additional information.

On Step 2, Contact List, you can use the 'Add New' button to add any additional Real Parties in Interest.

You can use the 'Edit' link on the right side to change any information that has already been entered.



Click the link for 'Continue Application' when all changes have been made to the registration.



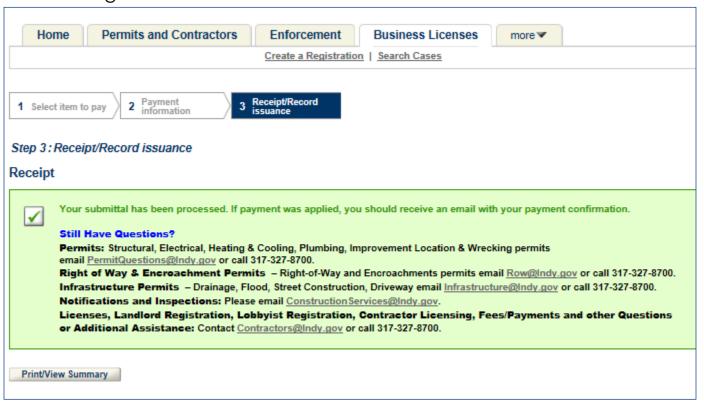
3. Review and submittal

Upon continuing the application, you will be shown a summary page where you can review the changes prior to submitting the changes.

If you need to make additional changes, you can use the 'Save and Resume later' option or you will also be able to start over with a new amendment later on.



Once all changes are verified, click the button for 'Continue Application.' This will take you to the confirmation page and apply your changes to the registration record.



There is no limit on the number of times a registration can be amended prior to the January 15th reporting deadline.



USER HELP AND DBNS CONTACTS

For all questions related to the lobbyist registration, please contact:

Department of Business & Neighborhood Services

Phone: 317.327.4316

Email: <u>licensing@indy.gov</u>

Check registration status online:

https://permitsandcases.indy.gov/citizenaccess/